

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98 and MPEP §§ 609 I.A.2. and 609 D., Applicants hereby submit the attached Form PTO-1449, in duplicate, which lists thereon all of the documents officially cited to the United States Patent Trademark Office and officially made of record in connection with Applicants' co-pending parent application, U.S. Serial No. 09/847,124, filed May 2, 2001. Pursuant to MPEP §§ 609 I.A.2. and 609 D., since the present application is a divisional of parent application U.S. Serial No. 09/847,124 and all of the documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 were officially considered and made of record in the parent application, it is believed that the attached Form PTO-1449 is sufficient to enable the Examiner in charge of the present divisional application to consider and make officially of record all of the documents listed thereon. Thus, no copies of any of the documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 are being submitted to the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

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In the foregoing circumstances, it is respectfully requested that each of the documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 be officially made of record in the present divisional application and printed on the face of any patent which issues therefrom.